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**Public Service Commission of SC
101 Executive Center Drive
Suite 100
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To Whom It Concerns:

The purpose of this letter is to OPPOSE the 10% rate increase that is proposed by South Carolina Electric and Gas. In the past few years, SCE&G has reported high profits and failed to invest part of them back into the business which makes for good economic sense. Whatever happened to the sound business practice of re-investing part of your profits to finance your present and future obligations to your stock holders and business???

Government regulations were coming all along and you failed to prepare your finances to cover the cost. If this was done in personal finance, I would not be able to go to someone to cover over expenditures every time I overdraw. You also have the option to acquire funds from the Stimulus Slush Fund to upgrade your facilities. It seems that SCE&G is more interested in profit than your customers and your duty to the community. Remember, the consumer is your business and your customer.

Everyone in the state is cutting back and some are able to carry out their obligations without raising their prices. An example of this is Berkeley Cooperative. Teachers who are state employees are even being furloughed and still give their students more than 100% and carrying out their obligations. We are not against profit because that is a good part of our economic system in this country. But excessive profit is stealing!!! Shame on you for being profit mongers and not running a public business with ethical pride!

Concerned Citizens and Customers!

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